

CLAIMS

1. A mobile telephone comprising:

- means for providing a predetermined activity or functionality of the telephone,
- a first and a second data providing and/or storing card each having one or more contacting surfaces or pads,
- means for holding the first and a second cards in an operative position, where the cards are at least substantially parallel and at least partly overlap each other,
- means for contacting the contacting surfaces or pads of each of the first and second cards,
- preventing means having two positions, a first of the positions preventing the first card from being removed from the operative position, and the second position allowing removal of the first card from the operative position, the preventing means being adapted to deactivate the providing means when in the second position,
- the preventing means, in its first position, allowing removal of the second card from the operative position.

2. A telephone according to claim 1, wherein the preventing means comprise a battery feeding power to the providing means in its first position, the second position being a position in which the battery has been removed from the telephone.

3. A telephone according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the first card is translatable into and out of the operative position along a linear path, the preventing means, when in its first position, blocking the linear path out of the operative position.

4. A telephone according to any of the preceding claims, further comprising means for removing the second card, the removing means being adapted to allow tilting of the second card from the operative position into an inoperative position.

5. A telephone according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the contacting means contact the cards from a single side of the overlapping cards.

6. A telephone according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the first card is a Subscriber Identification Module and wherein the providing means are adapted to provide subscriber identification and/or communication between the telephone and base stations.

7. A telephone according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the second card an MMC card.

8. A telephone according to claim 4, wherein the removing means are further adapted to translate the second card, prior to tilting, from the operative position into an intermediate position, the telephone further comprising means for preventing tilting of the second card when in the operative position and allowing tilting of the second card when in the intermediate position.

9. A method of operating a mobile telephone, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a predetermined activity or functionality of the telephone,
- providing and/or storing data to or from a first and a second card each having one or more contacting surfaces or pads,

- holding the first and second cards in an operative position, where the cards are at least substantially parallel and at least partly overlap each other,

- providing electrical contact to the contacting surfaces or pads of each of the first and second cards,

5 - bringing a preventing means from a first to a second position wherein, in the first position, the preventing means prevents the first card from being removed from the operative position, and in the second position, allowing removal of the first card from the operative position, the preventing means deactivating the providing means when in the second position,

10 - the preventing means, while in its first position, allowing removal of the second card from the operative position.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the preventing means comprise a battery feeding, in its first position, power so as to facilitate the providing step, wherein the step of bringing the preventing means into the second position comprises removing the battery from the telephone.

15 11. A method according to any of claims 9 and 10, further comprising the step of removing the second card by tilting the second card from the operative position into an inoperative position.

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